

ARTHUR E. ELLIS

WHEREAS, Arthur E. Ellis attended Jackson Public Schools where he is remembered as a class leader, graduating in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Arthur E. Ellis attended Jackson Community College before going into the Army where he honorably served the United States as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1953 to 1956; and

WHEREAS, Arthur E. Ellis has a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Michigan State University, a master of arts degree in administration from Eastern Michigan University, and an honorary doctor of laws degree in humane letters from Central Michigan University; and

WHEREAS, Arthur E. Ellis began his civilian service in government as an analyst at the Legislative Service Bureau in 1962, and was named the first Director of the Senate Fiscal Agency in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Arthur E. Ellis left Michigan government for a career in higher education, first as Secretary of the Board of Regents for Eastern Michigan University from 1968 to 1970, then as Vice President of Public Affairs for Central Michigan University from 1970 to 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis was selected to serve as President of Central Michigan University from 1985 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis was appointed in 1991 by Governor John Engler to serve as the Director of the Michigan Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis was appointed by the State Board of Education as Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction effective August 7, 1995, and was later appointed by the Board as Superintendent of Public Instruction effective January 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, as Superintendent, Mr. Ellis has provided inspiring, committed, dedicated, and exemplary leadership to the Department of Education and the public schools in Michigan, and the state of our public education system has undoubtedly improved under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis has announced that he will retire from his active career in education as of May 1, 2001; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education commends Arthur E. Ellis for the exemplary manner in which he has provided leadership in furthering the goal of fostering an educational system in Michigan that holds the promise of excellence for every child; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education accepts with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able and distinguished educational leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Arthur E. Ellis its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise he has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents and families, and the people of Michigan; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education expresses its sincerest wish that Arthur Ellis enjoy many years of happiness, good health, travel, and relaxation with his wife, Sibyl, their three children, and five grandchildren.

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